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Presidential Search Process

On August 19, 1985, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents approved the process by which the regents will select the university's next president. The Board of Regents has sole responsibility for the selection process and will consider input from other constituencies of interest to the institution. The search process is designed to facilitate the flow of information and to offer opportunity for input from faculty, staff, students, alumni and other friends of WKU.

Dr. L.L. Waters, Consultant

Dr. L. L. Waters, retired university professor of transportation and business history at Indiana University, is serving as a consultant to the Board of Regents and the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. Dr. Waters holds a bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois. He joined the IU faculty in 1948 and received excellence in teaching awards in 1971, 1974 and 1976. He previously served on the University of Kansas faculty where he received a similar teaching award in 1947. He was Indiana's Transportation Man of the Year in 1974, was a Distinguished Business Scholar in 1976-77 and received the American Economic Association's Distinguished Service Award in Transportation and Public Utilities in 1976.

Presidential Search Advisory Committee

Joe Bill Campbell
Attorney
Bowling Green, Kentucky

The Board of Regents created a 16-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee to assist the board in the evaluation of presidential candidates. The committee consists of business, education, professional, student and community leaders. The committee will confer with the regents during the presidential selection process and represents a direct communication link for the university's constituencies.

Campbell served four years on the WKU Board of Regents, including a two-year term as chairman. A 1965 graduate of WKU, he earned his law degree at the University of Kentucky and holds memberships in the American and Kentucky Bar Associations and the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers. Campbell serves as chairman and spokesman for the advisory committee.

Dr. Tom Coohill
Professor of Biophysics
Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health

Tom Emberton
Attorney
Edmonton, Kentucky

A noted researcher of the herpes virus, Dr. Coohill has been a member of the WKU faculty since 1972. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto, a master's degree from the University of Toledo and a doctorate from Penn State University. He previously served as a professor in the medical school at the University of Pittsburgh and as a research biophysicist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh.

A former member of the WKU board of regents, Emberton holds a law degree from the University of Louisville. Emberton attended WKU from 1955-58 and began his legal career when he entered private practice in Edmonton. He served as county attorney in Metcalfe County from 1965-68 and was nominated by the Republican Party of Kentucky to run for Governor in 1971. He is a member of the Kentucky and American Bar Associations.

Dr. Eugene Evans
Professor of Management
Bowling Green College of Business Administration
Chairman, Faculty Senate

Rick Guillaume
Executive Vice President
Liberty National Bank and Trust Company
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Evans joined the WKU faculty in 1965 after serving in teaching positions at the University of Kentucky and Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1963 at the University of Maryland, and completed his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Illinois. He is a member of the American Business Law Association, the Southeastern Regional Business Law Association and the Society for Business Ethics.

Guillaume currently serves as president of the WKU national alumni association. He earned a bachelor's degree from WKU in 1965. He is chairman of the board of the American Red Cross, chairman of finance and administration/treasurer of Metro United Way, treasurer of Kentucky Country Day School, serves on the board of trustees of Christ Church, is a member of the board of directors at St. Anthony Hospital, and on the board of directors of Liberty National Leasing Company.

John B. Holland
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer
Union Underwear Company
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dr. Peggy Keck
Professor of Administrative Office Systems
Bowling Green College of Business Administration

A graduate of Bowling Green Business University, Holland is chairman of the board of Kentucky's second largest industrial employer and the world's largest manufacturer of men's, ladies and children's underwear. He serves as a director of American National Bank, Camping World, Inc., Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Council on Economic Education, chairman of WKU's Corporate Council, a panel member of the American Arbitration Association, and holds membership on the New York Cotton Exchange.

Dr. Keck joined the WKU faculty in 1968 after teaching in Oklahoma high schools and at the University of Oklahoma. She earned her bachelor's degree at Oklahoma Baptist University and completed her master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Oklahoma. She served a two-year term on the executive board of the National Association for Business Teacher Education.

Beverly Kirk
Sophomore
Burkesville, Kentucky

Dr. John E. Long
Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Kirk is among 11 Leadership Scholars representing the highest scholarship awarded by the university. A broadcasting major, she was a member of the WKU Strategic Planning Task Force last year, the WKU Broadcasters Association and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She currently is serving as a volunteer in the WKU Television Center.

Dr. Long holds degrees from Temple University, Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Westminster Theological Seminary and Brandeis University and is a member of the Middle East Studies Association of North America and the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar. Prior to his appointment at WKU, he served as a juvenile probation officer in Philadelphia. He studied in North Africa as a Fulbright Scholar in 1974 and was vice chair of the WKU academic council in 1980-81.

Dr. William F. Meacham
Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Eula Monroe
Associate Professor of Teacher Education
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Meacham is a 1936 graduate of WKU and a 1940 graduate of Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine. During his 45-year career in medicine, Dr. Meacham has compiled an outstanding record of accomplishments and is an acknowledged international expert in his field. He has held top offices in national, state and regional societies devoted to neurosurgery, and the American Academy of Neurological Surgery presented him with The Neurosurgeon Award in 1973. He has authored nearly 70 publications in his field.

Dr. Monroe joined the WKU faculty in 1969 after serving as a public school teacher in Todd County, Kentucky. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from WKU and a doctoral degree from Vanderbilt University. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the International Reading Association, Mid-South Educational Research Association and the National Education Association. She has authored more than 40 articles and has presented more than 40 papers at various national professional meetings.

Walter J. Pickett
Retired Principal, Jefferson County Schools
Louisville, Kentucky

James D. Scott
President, Scotty's Contracting, Inc.
Bowling Green, Kentucky

A graduate of the universities of Louisville and Kentucky, Pickett is the retired principal at Valley High School in Louisville. He is a member of the Bingham Child Guidance Clinic Board of Directors, the Louisville Medical Center Board of Directors, Valley Optimist Club and is past president of the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and the Jefferson County Teachers Association.

Scott, owner of one of Kentucky's major contracting firms, is a member of the Board of Directors of Kentuckians for Better Transportation and the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors. He is currently serving as president of the Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky and is a committee member of the National Asphalt Paving Association.

Ronald G. Sheffer
Attorney
Henderson, Kentucky

A 1960 graduate of WKU, Sheffer earned his law degree from the University of Kentucky. Sheffer is a partner with current WKU regent Judge John Palmore, in the law firm of Palmore & Sheffer. He served as a member of the WKU board of regents from 1976 to 1984. He is a member of the Kentucky and American Bar Associations and was a baseball and football letterman at WKU. He served as city prosecuting attorney for Henderson from 1969-71 and served as city attorney for the Henderson Board of Commissioners.

Cal Turner, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Dollar General Stores
Scottsville, Kentucky

Turner has served Dollar General Stores as president and chief executive officer since 1977. He earned his business degree from Vanderbilt University, graduating cum laude. He also serves on the board of directors at First American National Bank in Nashville, Farmers National Bank in Scottsville and Shoney's Restaurants.

Dr. Frank Yeager
Superintendent of Schools
Owensboro, Kentucky

Dr. Yeager became superintendent of schools in Owensboro in 1984 after serving in a similar capacity for 11 years in Durham, N.C. He earned a bachelor's degree at Centre College, a master's degree at WKU and completed doctoral degree requirements at the University of Tennessee. He also served two years as the assistant to the director and technical resource consultant in the Human Relations Center for Education at WKU.

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